

Wineland Will Not Run for U.S. Seat

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He has told persons close to him that he enjoys being secretary of state, a position to which he was appointed last February, that Mandel is using him "all over the state," and that as the third highest Maryland he has influence over statewide decisions as well as those affecting the Metropolitan Washington suburbs.

As secretary of state, Wineland has a variety of administrative duties, including certification of referendum petitions and placing potential Presidential candidates' names on the primary ballot.

Wineland also is said to feel that as secretary of state he can do more for Prince George's County which, along with Montgomery County, he sees dominating state politics in the near future.

Wineland also is understood to see more of a future for himself in state politics if he stays in Annapolis rather than becoming one of 435 congressmen in Washington.

"Fred wants to be governor," said one political observer. Wineland does not deny that he would like to be Maryland's chief executive some day, but he is understood to feel that Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III should have the first opportunity to run for governor in 1974 if Mandel is not a candidate for re-election.

Beyond his desire to stay in his present position, Wineland, according to informed sources, has some doubts about his prospects in the new district in which 80 per cent of the population would be from Anne Arundel. The Democratic Party in Anne Arundel County is split, making the



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Wineland, 45, was appointed to the House of Delegates in 1963 and to the State Senate in 1965. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1966 and in 1970. In 1968, Wineland, a political conservative, ran in the Democratic primary in the Fifth Congressional District against Rep. Hervey G. Machen and Carlton R. Sickles. Wineland finished third in the race.

Other possible candidates for the new Fourth District seat include Werner Fornos, a Democrat, who ran unsuccessfully for county executive against the Republican incumbent, Joseph W. Alton Jr., in 1970. Alton also is seen as a possible candidate, along with Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan, also a Republican and the congressman from the present Fifth District that includes Prince George's and Charles counties.

race uncertain for any Democrat, according to these sources.

Winland and To Skip Race For Congress

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Maryland, Secretary of State Fred L. Wineland, once considered a certain congressional candidate in 1972, has decided against running from the district he helped design for himself during the 1971 General Assembly.

Although Wineland declined yesterday to comment for the record, reliable sources said the former state senator from Prince George's has decided to stay in Annapolis rather than run for Congress in 1972.

Wineland played a key role in designing the new Fourth Congressional District, comprising Anne Arundel and southern Prince George's County, during the 1971 legislation session. At Gov. Marvin Mandel's urging, Wineland proposed the compromise that mollified the Anne Arundel County legislators by leaving the county intact in one Congressional district rather than splitting it into two districts as Wineland originally had preferred.

Wineland is expected to notify formally the Democratic State Central Committee and the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee of his decision not to run within the week.

In making his decision not to run, Wineland is understood to have taken several factors into consideration.

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